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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric, D.T.E. 02-80A, Responses to  
Information Requests

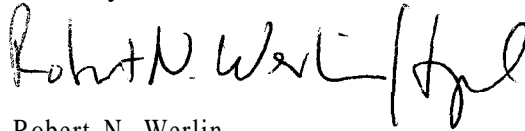
Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter is the response of Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric (the "Company") to the Information Requests set forth on the accompanying list.

The Company has now responded to all Information Requests issued by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department") with the exception of the response to Information Request DTE-5-6. This response required the Company to retrieve documents that were in storage and to review those documents and extract the requested information. That effort is ongoing and should be completed by next week.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert N. Werlin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a stylized "W".

Robert N. Werlin

Enclosures

cc: William Stevens, Hearing Officer  
Service List

Responses to Information Requests

Information Response DTE-5-2

Information Response DTE-5-3

Information Response DTE-5-4

Information Response DTE-5-5

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Information Request DTE-5-2

Reference the Company response to IR-DTE 2-4, Exh. A, "Stipulation and Agreement of Compromise and Settlement" at 18, that states, "NSTAR Entities will pay the costs of preparing and mailing the Notice to Class Members and all other settlement administration costs." Itemize and list these costs as they pertain to BECo. Explain how BECo accounts for these costs (e.g., whether and how these costs are\are not passed on to customers). Please provide complete and detailed documentation to support your response.

Response

Letters were sent to customers who were potentially classified as Default Service incorrectly. The stationery cost for Boston Edison for the notices was \$4,752 and the cost for postage was \$18,154.

Other administrative costs involved in preparing the settlement agreement and legal documents sent to customers were:

Dickinson Direct (printing, admin, etc.)	\$18,808
Postage	\$30,492

The costs of preparing and mailing the Notice to Class Members and all other settlement administration costs were booked to Account 903 – Customer Records and Collection Expenses and Account 905 – Miscellaneous Customer Accounts Expense. These 2002 costs are not included in the Transition Charge, Standard Offer or Default Service reconciliations, and, therefore, are not passed on to customers through these charges.

Information Request DTE-5-3

Reference the Company response to IR-DTE 2-4, Att. 1, "Stipulation and Agreement of Compromise and Settlement" at 17, that states, "Class Counsel shall apply for an award of fees and expenses not to exceed \$217,500 and [BEC] shall not object [to these fees and expenses]." Itemize and list these costs as they pertain to BEC. Explain how BEC accounts for these costs (e.g., whether and how these costs are\are not passed on to customers). Please provide complete and detailed documentation to support your response.

Response

On June 18, 2002, two checks were issued. One check, totaling \$217,500, was issued to Grant & Roddy, Attorneys at Law, as plaintiffs' counsel in the class action matter Re: Dwyer, et al., v. NSTAR. In accordance with the Settlement Agreement, the second check, totaling \$3,000, was issued to the Grant & Roddy IOLTA Account and represents the payments due under the Settlement Agreement for \$1,000 to each of the named plaintiffs.

Both of these invoices were charged to Account 930, which is categorized as Operations and Maintenance Expense on NSTAR's Consolidated Financial Statements. Therefore, these 2002 costs are not included in the Transition Charge, Standard Offer or Default Service reconciliations, and, therefore, are not passed on to customers through these charges.

Information Request DTE-5-4

Reference the Company response to IR-DTE 2-4, at 2, which states, "the adjustments to reflect the transfer [of customers from default service to standard offer service] are included in the revenue amounts shown on page 7 of the exhibits." Provide a copy of "page 7 of the exhibits" referred to in this response. Identify and itemize the costs associated with the transfer that are included in the totals on this page.

Response

As indicated in the response to Information Request DTE-2-4, all revenue adjustments made during the year are shown on page 7 of Exhibit BEC-RAP-1 (Supp). Because the revenue adjustments were made during standard billing cycles and were made with all other billing adjustments to customers, they cannot be separately itemized.

Information Request DTE-5-5

Reference the Company's Response to IR-DTE-2-4, Att. 1, "Plaintiff's Memorandum in Support of Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement Agreement" at 6-7. Please itemize the costs associated with all amounts BECo refunded to those identified BECo class members that were mis-classified as default service customers, and will receive or have received a refund based upon the difference between service billed at the default service rate and service billed over the same period at the standard offer rate. Explain how BECo accounts for these costs (e.g., whether and how these costs are\are not passed on to customers).

Response

Wholesale costs associated with the reclassification of customers were treated as part of the normal reconciliation and settlement process with ISO-NE and wholesale suppliers. Therefore, there are no specific calculations, schedules and working papers available.